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INTERVIEWEE: Trevor Baird

Interviewer: Adam Hopfe

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Location of Interview: Portland State University, Cramer Hall, Room 194

Research Assistant: Michael Schott

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Time	Notes
(File 1) .32	Family Background
0.50	Parents had a fruit stand
2.20	Education
3.18	How family got involved in farming
5.30	Peaches
5.58	40 acres in Dayton
6.49	Outlets
9.00	Food Shipping
10.03	Grocers
10.55	First market involved in: Beaverton Market, 1989
12.10	Market locations and involvement
13.55	Oregon Department of Agriculture – food handling “farmers market’s should not be treated the same as grocers...”
15.18	Sustainability:
16.30	Personal definition of sustainability and concepts
18.20	Leasing land to organic dairy man and receiving organic cow manure
20.25	Large farms

(File 2) .22	Success of Farmer's markets
1.50	"...staying ahead of the curve to have better food than bigger stores..."
3.50	Tariffs
5.33	Personal care to ensure consistency in quality
8.43	Baird Family Farm focus
9.45	Social interaction...as a "huge advantage" at farmers markets
11.45	Regarding the size of the Saturday Market
12.10	Dealing with customer questions and types of questions
15.10	Market pricing strategies
17.00	White fruit and their presence
17.50	Peaches as certified organic – they "grow small, not as pretty, prices are higher"
20.20	Organic soil, laying bare for three years
22.28	More on leasing land to organic dairy farmer
25.40	Baird Farms in 5 to ten years from now
26.50	"diversity (crop) is more important" than the growth of the farm
30.30	Offering samples at the markets